

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2022

The work session meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keith Ramos.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:

Under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice on the Township bulletin board and by e mailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Keith Ramos, Deputy Mayor Chris Stracco, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Todd McPeek, Committeeman Robert Stock, Auditor Anthony Ardito, CFO Ashley Wilson, QPA Danette Dyer, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

- Minutes of February 16, 2022 regular session meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.
- Minutes of February 16, 2022 executive session meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Minutes of February 25, 2022 special meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor. Mr. Stracco abstained.

RESOLUTIONS:

2022-34 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28, PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM SWEET JANES CAFÉ & BAR LLC TO THE LONE PILGRIM PUB, LLC WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 2106-33-003-008 heretofore issued to Sweet Janes Café & Bar LLC, to The Lone Pilgrim Pub, LLC; and WHEREAS, on February 16, 2022, in Resolution No. 2022-28, the Frelinghuysen Township Committee approved the said transfer; and WHEREAS, the State Police have not yet completed the background check that is required prior to such an approval, and as such it is necessary and appropriate to rescind the approval. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen do hereby rescind Resolution No. 2022-28, and the approval of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 2106-33-003-008 granted in the said Resolution. **CERTIFICATION** I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee at a meeting held on March 9, 2022.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boynton	x		x			
Mr. McPeek			x			
Mr. Ramos			x			
Mr. Stock		x	x			
Mr. Stracco			x			

#2022-35 SETTING EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with contract negotiations, attorney client privilege, and pending litigation. WHEREAS, under the Open Public Meetings Act (number 7 of the permitted exceptions to the requirements that a public body hold its meetings in public) it is permissible that such matters be discussed in executive or private session. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on March 9, 2022 that the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen will adjourn to private or executive session to discuss the above mentioned and results or portions of that discussion will be made known in reasonable length of time.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boynton	x		x			
Mr. McPeek			x			
Mr. Ramos			x			
Mr. Stock		x	x			
Mr. Stracco			x			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Mayor Ramos – Nothing to report
- Deputy Mayor Stracco – Nothing to report
- Committeeman Boynton – Nothing to report
- Committeeman McPeek – Nothing to report
- Committeeman Stock – Nothing to report
- Municipal Clerk – Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- South State Paving payment was held until the April 13th work session when the Engineer will be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The budget was discussed in executive session due to pending contract negotiations and litigation.
- Mr. Ramos discussed the applications of CSC TKR, LLC for Frelinghuysen Township and let the committee know that legal has reviewed it and all seems ok and there is no issue with the Mayor signing if needed. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco on the approval of the applications for CSC TKR, LLC and authorized the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. McPeek. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes; Mr. McPeek-yes; Mr. Ramos-yes; Mr. Stock-yes; Mr. Stracco-yes.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stock limiting it to 20 minutes to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

- Marty Connor, Lincoln Laurel Road, asked about the Open Space/Recreation Plan update and if there has been any decision made. Mr. Ramos hasn't reached out but will soon.
- Mr. Connor has been in contact with the Warren County mosquito commission and they reported that the tick samplings that were previously done at the FFP came back for the deadly tick borne disease. Mr. Ramos asked if they track tick diseases and Mr. Connor did not know at this time.
- Mr. Connor also discussed the driveway at the FFP and said about 20 feet down before the spring house, the cross drain is clogged and needs to be cleared or possibly changed. Mr. McPeek will look into it and Mr. Ramos will also ask about possible grants from the Red Cross for the shelter in place.
- Mr. Connor discussed his mailbox being hit 3 times this winter and Mr. McPeek explained that his mailbox is not 18" off the road. Mr. McPeek apologized for it being hit that many times and has spoken with the dpw about it.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. McPeek to close to the public. All were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

Mr. Ramos explained that the executive session was conducted for matters of ongoing contract negotiations and litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stock to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC